

TOWN OF GILL

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2011

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

Present: Randy Crochier and John Ward, Selectboard members; Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.

Others Present: Rick James, John Duda, David Detmold, Gene Beaubien, Mick LaClaire, Chris Redmond

"White" Halloween: Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Gene Beaubien, Highway Superintendent Mick LaClaire, and Police Sergeant Chris Redmond met with the Board to update them on activities during and after the October 29th snowstorm. Gene reported that the Fire Department went out on 31 storm-related calls for downed wires, wires on a car, flooded basements, and the like. On Monday, when most of town was still without power, members of the FD performed welfare checks on seniors and other at-risk residents. Gene estimated his department spent approximately \$2,500 on labor during and after the storm.

Mick stated that his department was prepared for the storm, equipment-wise. It was a heavy, quick snow, at times accumulating 2-3 inches per hour. As trees and wires came down, every road in town was a maze to navigate. The front-end loader was struck by a tree while coming up the Smith's Hill stretch of Main Road. The operator was not hurt, but there was substantial damage to the exhaust and exhaust manifold. Parts alone will be at least \$1,200. One of the plow trucks also received tree-inflicted damage to its mirrors and left fender turn signal.

Representatives from MEMA were in town the Monday after the storm, and we were able to request and secure a MEMA bucket truck crew for 6 days. A saw team from the Erving State Forest worked in town for 3 days, and Community Service inmates from the Franklin County Jail spent several days chipping brush. All of this assistance came at no cost to the town, which is a huge budget saver for what will be an expensive storm and cleanup. Mick expects tree and brush cleanup to take several more weeks.

Chris noted that the Police Department will attend the next regional meeting with WMECO to address some concerns and questions they have.

Minutes: John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to approve the minutes of 10/24. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Public Safety Complex Boiler: Ray noted that the snowstorm and recovery prevented any real progress to be made on the boiler project at the Public Safety Complex, but that it remains a priority item. Although the boiler leaks, it is still operational, and because it was not "red-tagged" by the inspector earlier in the year, it has been turned on. Temperatures are dropping, and the building needs to be heated. Also, at the suggestion of the Fire Chief, the bid specs will include an "add alternate" to relocate the outdoor oil tank to the inside of the building. So long as the project budget can afford to move the tank, having it indoors will save electricity (oil lines must be heated during the winter to prevent freezing) and greatly reduce the risk of the tank being damaged by vehicles and heavy equipment.

Siemens Project Update: Work on the lighting upgrades at the Elementary School has been pushed back to an 11/14 start date, due to time lost because of the snowstorm. The computer for the EMS has arrived; once it is configured by the District and Siemens installs their software, training will occur. District personnel are working on restoring heat to the General Purpose room by 1) cutting a hatchway in the GP room floor to access a tunnel beneath the leaky radiator, and 2) getting quotes to replace the failed bearing on the air handling unit. Randy supplied a name and phone number of a Gill resident who would be knowledgeable of AHUs and might be willing to have a look at it.

Town Hall Water Leak: The Board praised Paul Fahey, the Town's new custodian, for his quick action in alerting the appropriate people of a water leak he found in the basement of Town Hall on Sunday morning, 11/6. In places water was 1-2 inches deep, and had probably been leaking since sometime Saturday. The leak was caused by a corroded galvanized close nipple used to join two copper pipes. Ray reported that there seemed to be little damage beyond wetness, although the carpet in the Board of Health office will need to be removed. The Board asked Ray to create emergency contact lists for all the Town's buildings, and to arrange to have a plumber conduct a walkthrough of all the buildings to check on the age and condition of the plumbing. In addition to Paul Fahey, the Board also commended John Ward, Gene Beaubien, and Michael Crochier for their roles in repairing the leak and cleaning up the water.

Firefighter Appointment: Acting on a request from the Fire Chief, John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to appoint Cody Scopa as a Firefighter for the Town of Gill, effective 11/18/11 – 6/30/12. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Cody is currently a junior firefighter, but will soon have his 18th birthday.

APR Intention Announced: Ray read a letter from the Mass. Department of Agricultural Resources that stated the State's intent to acquire the development rights on 105 acres of land off Munn's Ferry Road, and their intent to include that land in the Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program. The land is currently owned by the Cotter family, and before that was owned by Rudy Urgiel. The announcement was informational only, and no action was required by the Selectboard.

ABCC Form 43: Ray explained that Alden Booth and Lissa Greenough, owners of the Gill Tavern, seek to change the name of their corporation that has the liquor license for the Tavern. Currently the license is issued to Second Wind Ventures, and they want it changed to Franklin County Brewing Company. Ray noted that this change requires approval from the Selectboard and the ABCC, but does not need an advertised public hearing. John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to authorize the change of corporate name and to sign the accompanying ABCC Form 43. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative and the form was signed.

Accuvote Scan Machine: The Board considered a request from the Town Clerk asking that the Accuvote scan voting machine be used at all future State elections, as it has been for all State elections in recent years. With the Board's vote of approval, the Town Clerk would no longer need to notify the Elections Bureau 120 days before each election regarding the choice to use the Accuvote. John made a motion, seconded by Randy, to sign the request to use the Accuvote machine at all future state elections. In the discussion that followed the Board decided they needed the Town Clerk to answer questions they had about the machine, its cost and its accuracy. No vote was taken and the matter was tabled until later in the meeting when the Town Clerk would be available to meet with the Selectboard.

FRCOG FY12 Salary Survey: It was noted that the FRCOG's annual Wage and Salary Survey is available for FY12. A printed copy is at Town Hall and the document is on the FRCOG's website.

Nationwide Emergency Alert System Test: There will be a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System on November 9th at 2PM. It will involve radio, television satellite, and cable services.

11/21 Selectboard Meeting: As both John and Ann will be out of town on 11/21, there will be no Selectboard meeting that night. As provided by state law, the Town Clerk will assist with reviewing and signing the warrant of bills so that employee paychecks and vendor checks can be issued by the Treasurer.

Holiday Time Off: John asked for more information about number of paid hours employees receive for a holiday, i.e. 10 hours of holiday pay for someone who works a 4x10 schedule vs. 8 hours of holiday pay for someone who works a 5x8 schedule. Ray will check the personnel manual and do further research and report back.

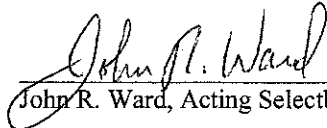
Accuvote, part 2: Lynda Hodsdon Mayo, Town Clerk, joined the meeting at 5:35pm to continue the discussion of the Accuvote machine. Lynda explained that ballot-counting machines have been used for all the state and federal elections in Gill since at least 2003. The counting machines provide faster results, which helps make Gill's results available in time for state and newspaper deadlines. It also can be difficult to get an adequate number of poll workers to do a manual count at the end of a long day, especially since polls don't usually close until 8pm. She explained that the notice to the Elections Bureau would serve as a blanket notice that Gill will be using the Accuvote machine. In the future we would only need to notify Elections if we are not going to use the counting machine.

The Board expressed an interest in knowing more about how the Accuvote machine is used. Lynda extended an offer to the Board to be part of the process for setting up and testing the machine ahead of the Presidential Primary. There is no urgency to notifying State Elections of our future plans for using the Accuvote machine, so the matter can wait until after the primary. Lynda and David Detmold left the meeting at 5:45pm

Warrant: The Board reviewed and signed FY 2012 warrant #10.

Adjournment: The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.



John R. Ward, Acting Selectboard Clerk

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS



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October 24, 2011

Board of Selectmen
Town of Gill
325 Main Street
Gill, MA 01354

RE: Assessor Map 203, Lots 5.2, 5.3, and 5.11 – Munns Ferry Road

Dear Board/Council:

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 7, Section 40I requires that the Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR) notify the local City Council/Board of Selectmen of the State's intent to purchase, rent, sell or significantly change the use of one or more acres of real estate in a municipality.

Pursuant to that Section, we wish to inform you that the DAR is considering acquiring an interest in approximately 105 acres of land within the municipality of Gill for inclusion in the Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Program as an Agricultural Preservation Restriction.

The property in question, which is currently used for agricultural purposes, is privately owned and will remain so if it becomes a participant in the APR Program. The development rights would be acquired to secure the preservation of the land for agricultural purposes as provided in M.G.L. Chapter 20, Sections 23 through 26 and Chapter 184, Sections 31, 32, and 33.

Section 40I also requires that this proposal be made public in a local forum. We request that you announce that we are considering the above purchase for the stated purpose at your next regularly scheduled City Council/Board of Selectmen meeting. The Council/Board need not take any formal action concerning the proposed acquisition as the announcement is for information purposes only. Please complete and return the enclosed form after your meeting has been held so that we may document your announcement.

If you or any resident have a questions regarding this proposed acquisition, please feel free to contact me at (617) 626-1718. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol A. Szocik".

Carol A. Szocik
Paralegal

cc: Senator Rosenberg, Representative Andrews, Franklin Regional Council of Governments, DCAM

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CONFIRMATION OF NOTICE

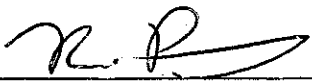
(MGL Chapter 7, Section 401).

I, Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant for the
(print name) (print official title)

city/town of Gill, Massachusetts, do hereby certify that on

November 7, 2011, it was announced at a public meeting of the City Council/Board of Selectmen that the Department of Agricultural Resources is considering the acquisition of the property described in the attached letter dated October 24, 2011. I further certify this agenda item was specifically described in the notice of the November 7, 2011 public meeting.

By:


(signature)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
239 Causeway Street
Boston, MA 02114
www.mass.gov/abcc

For Reconsideration

FORM 43
MUST BE SIGNED BY LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY

044200009

ABCC License Number

Gill

City/Town

11/7/11

Local Approval Date

TRANSACTION TYPE (Please check all relevant transactions):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New License | <input type="checkbox"/> New Officer/Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Pledge of License | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Corporate Name |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of License | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Location | <input type="checkbox"/> Pledge of Stock | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal to Annual |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> Alteration of Licensed Premises | <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of Stock | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of License Type |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cordials/Liqueurs Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Issuance of Stock | <input type="checkbox"/> New Stockholder | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-Day to 7-Day License | <input type="checkbox"/> Management/Operating Agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> Wine & Malt to All Alcohol | |

Name of Licensee: Second Wind Ventures EIN of Licensee: 202-91-6697

D/B/A: The Gill Store and Tavern Manager: Booth, Alden

ADDRESS: 326 Main Road CITY/TOWN: Gill STATE: MA ZIP CODE: 01354

Annual or Seasonal: Annual Category: All Alcohol Type: Restaurant

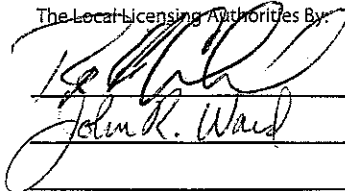
Complete Description of Licensed Premises:
ONE GROUND LEVEL FLOOR W/2 ROOMS, A BATHROOM, KITCHEN, AND WALKIN COOLER IN A 200 YR OLD WOOD, COLONIAL STYLE STRUCTURE

Application Filed: Oct 25, 2011 Advertised: No Abutters Notified: Yes No

Contact Person for Transaction: Ray Purington Phone: 413-863-9347

ADDRESS: 325 Main Road CITY/TOWN: Gill STATE: MA ZIP CODE: 01354

Remarks:

The Local Licensing Authority By:

John R. Ward

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
Ralph Sacramone
Executive Director

ABCC Remarks:

TOWN OF GILL
M A S S A C H U S E T T S



Town Clerk

Friday, November 04, 2011

RE: Use of Accuvote Voting Machine at all State Elections

I would like to request that the Selectboard take a vote to use the Accuvote scan voting machine at all future State Elections pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 54, Section 34. The Election Bureau would like to have documentation of your decision on file. In recent years, we have been using the Accuvote at all State Elections. In years prior, we did at times hand count ballots for the State Primary or State Elections only. Subsequently, the fact that we continue to choose to use the Accuvote at each election suggests that it would be most convenient to place a statement to that fact on file. The option of hand counting at the Town Election is not significant to this decision.


By signing below, I will no longer have to notify the Election Bureau by 120 days before each State Election regarding the choice to use the Accuvote.

If you agree, please sign below and I will send this documentation to the Secretary of State.

Members of the Selectboard, Town of Gill, November 7, 2011

Thank you,
Lynda Hodsdon Mayo

Lynda Hodsdon Mayo



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Section 34. A city or town may, by vote of a majority of the city council or by vote of a majority of the board of selectmen, at a meeting held at least one hundred and twenty days before the primary, preliminary election or election at which voting machines are to be used, determine upon and purchase, lease, or lease with an option to purchase, one or more voting machines approved as provided in section thirty-two, and order the use thereof at primaries, preliminary elections and elections of state, city or town officers in such city or town; and thereafter at all primaries and elections of state, city or town officers in that city or town, until otherwise ordered by the city council in a city and the selectmen in a town, said machines shall be used at primaries and preliminary elections and for voting for the officers to be elected at such elections and for taking the vote upon questions submitted to the voters. Notice of such determination to use voting machines, or to discontinue the use thereof, shall be sent to the state secretary by the city or town clerk within five days after such determination; provided, however, that no such discontinuance shall take place later than ninety days prior to a state or presidential primary or state election, nor later than thirty days prior to a city or town primary, preliminary election or election at which it is to become effective.

A city or town may, by vote of a majority of the city council or by vote of a majority of the board of selectmen, at a meeting held not later than one hundred and twenty days prior to a state or presidential primary or state election, and not later than sixty days prior to a municipal primary, preliminary election or election at which an electronic voting system is first to be used, determine upon the use of, and may lease, purchase, or lease with an option to purchase, the marking units or automatic tabulating equipment necessary to any electronic voting system approved for use in the commonwealth in accordance with section thirty-two. Thereafter, at all primaries, preliminary elections and elections held in said city or town, until otherwise ordered by vote of the city council in a city or of the selectmen in a town, said electronic voting system shall be used in those polling places designated by the city council or board of selectmen.

Notice of determination to use an approved electronic voting system, or to discontinue its use, shall be sent to the state secretary by the city or town clerk within five days after such determination; provided, however, that no such discontinuance shall take place later than ninety days prior to a state or presidential primary or state election, nor later than thirty days prior to a city or town primary, preliminary election or election at which it is to become effective; and, provided further, that no such discontinuance shall prevent the state secretary from selecting appropriate voting machines and vote tally systems pursuant to section thirty-two.